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M.B.A. LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

by Tom Springer, News Editor

Over the last year, much has been written about the new Joe C. Davis Building and other summer renovations on MBA's campus. So much, in fact, that many of us are confused over what exactly has changed and how these changes will affect our daily activities.

Now that you can actually walk out and see the finished product of two years of dedicated effort by Dr. Paschall, the Board of Trustees, and numerous consultants, this written tour will hopefully eliminate false rumors and provide insight into M.B.A.'s new appearance.

Let's begin with the centerpiece of this summer's construction: the Joe C. Davis Building, a 45,000 square foot structure designed to complete an academic quadrangle that organizes the campus along an east-west axis and to house an expanding fine arts program. Even if you do not plan on participating in any fine arts, you can plan on spending lunch periods in the western wing (Currey

Gym side) of the building. The new dining hall, in addition to being more spacious, provides modern kitchen facilities for Bonds Food Service. Furthermore, an open courtyard leading into the building will undoubtedly be a popular place to relax and study.

Most of us, though, will also utilize the Davis Building in its capacity as a fine arts center. Having moved out of the old art/debate building, which is now dedicated solely to forensics, M.B.A.'s visual arts program now has room to realize its full potential. New space alone - a darkroom, a kiln room, gallery space, and two full studio rooms - provide opportunities never before possible. With these opportunities comes an expanded curriculum containing three levels of instruction (Introduction to Art, Art II, AP Art III); at the same time, the space permits greater flexibility for students wishing to pursue activities independent of the art course itself.

and a fully equipped backstage, the performance hall in the eastern wing of Davis allows M.B.A. drama to expand its scope of performance.

Finally, an auditorium, a general rehearsal room, and two practice

rooms will foster the birth of a new era in M.B.A.'s music program. Under the leadership of Mr. Rundberg and Dr. Cassel, three new programs (Beginning Band, M.B.A. Singers, Chamber Ensembles) will accompany and strengthen the already existing Music History Class, Jazz Band, and Chorus.

The second major project this summer was the renovation of Wallace Hall, now the "focal point of the campus." Six new classrooms, including a small seminar room and a larger lecture room with built-in projection equipment, grace the upper level of Wallace. They are joined to the lower floor by an elevator that has, in the words of one student, "tragically" claimed half of W-5.

Continuing counterclockwise around campus, we must stop in the basement of Ball, where the lunchroom has been replaced by a teachers' lounge, business offices, and new science labs for eighth grade Earth Science.

Our last stop on the tour brings us to the Brownlee O. Currey Gymnasium, in which new automatically folding bleachers side a freshly painted gym floor. The new gym entrance leads to a central courtyard that joins the primary school entrance with a path to the quadrangle.

The physical improvements to M.B.A.'s campus are astonishing; however, even beyond the new face is an academicism that will grow with time and care, elevating M.B.A. to levels unsurpassed in its history.



The Davis Building under Construction in August

For years, M.B.A.'s drama suffered in the poorly lit, desk-chair seating, small stage and storage facilities of Wallace Hall. This weakness has at last been alleviated. With a capacity of over 500 people, adjustable seating and staging, a state-of-the-art lighting system,

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M.B.A. Welcomes New Faculty Patrick Wilson Library Service Club Opens Doors

by Tom Springer, News Editor

As spectacular as the physical changes on campus may be, significant changes this year have also touched the academic and athletic programs with the arrival of sixteen new teachers and several shifts in administrative positions.

The most visible shift appears in the vacuum left by Dr. Drake; there, Mr. Regen is now Director of the High School and Mr. DeMong is Director of Studies. The Junior School's new Director, Mrs. Martha

Thurmond comes to M.B.A. from a 20 year career as Upper School Academic Director and Principal of Junior High at The Westminster School in Atlanta, as well as a distinguished stay at University School of Nashville. Additional changes regarding current faculty include new department chairs. Mrs. Palmore now chairs the English Department, succeeding Mrs. Lowry, who will continue to

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Attention anyone in grades 9 thru 12: The MBA service Club has lots for you to do this year. Your Service Club officers (President - Flagg Youngblood, Vice-President - Winston Chapman, Secretary/Treasurer - John Crosslin, and Sergeants-at-Arms - Sam Smaldone and Frazer Buntin) have been at work trying to make the club more accessible. As a result, many more opportunities for earning credits will be available this year. Credits

are now going to be given for working at the school's soup kitchens, for helping with the school's recycling program, and for taking part in several new school and community-oriented activities that are still being planned.

The scope of the M.B.A. Service Club has also been broadened for the start of the year. Club outreach will now extend much further, going beyond

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Bell Ringer
Welcomes
Everyone Back
to School!*

NEWS

THE BELL RINGER STARTS A NEW YEAR!

Welcome back to school! The upcoming year of 1992-93 will be one of change as M.B.A. prepares to enter the twenty-first century, recognized as one of the premier secondary schools in the nation. With the opening of the Joe C. Davis Building and the renovations to the other buildings on campus, in addition to major administrative and faculty changes, M.B.A. begins its transition.

The Bell Ringer hopes to continue and even improve on the previously outstanding quality of this publication with the infusion of many different and exciting ideas. With the interest and input of the student body, this year's

paper hopes to establish new standards in student journalism.

One of the main goals of this newspaper is to focus on campus and community issues since it is rather difficult to provide news flashes on a regular basis. *The Bell Ringer* is an important voice for the student body and an avenue in which successful changes can be made. The editor-in-chief welcomes any and all ideas from the student body.

The letters to the editor section started last year will be continued, presenting an opportunity for students to write rebuttals and criticisms of articles in the previous issue. Pro and con debates on important

by Will Berry, Editor-in-Chief

issues, such as the one on summer reading, are encouraged.

The most drastic change in *The Bell Ringer* is the new biweekly flyer which will be printed between issues, providing the reader with accurate, more up-to-date information on fast-breaking news stories and sports scores.

The News and Features sections will cover a major event or issue within the student body as well as national problems and concerns. Possible theme issues include coverage of the presidential election with a student body poll, the AIDS situation, and an analysis of the present educational system and its

methods. In addition, *The Bell Ringer* will feature several regular columnists, such as R.A. Dickey and the outspoken Winston Chapman.

The Sports section of the newspaper will be improved, focusing more on the inside stories and interviews rather than just the teams' results.

The Entertainment section also will be slightly altered, focusing more on trends, concerts, and articles including several bands, as opposed to long articles on particular bands. Other additions to the Entertainment section include a cartoon by Aaron Peterson and movie reviews.

The Bell Ringer, in

addition, will include a section within News in which the heads of clubs and student government provide a summary of their functions and accomplishments.

Instead of having a separate Microbe section, Junior school articles will be placed in their appropriate section.

It is my hope that a wide range of individuals will contribute their talents, ideas, and suggestions to this publication. Dr. Griffith, the new advisor to the paper, will be proctoring an activity period study hall for those interested in becoming permanent members of *The Bell Ringer* staff. If anyone has questions or comments, please contact Will Berry or any of the other editors.

New Faculty...

teach at M.B.A., and Dr. Gaffney now chairs the Foreign Language Department.

Within the English Department, three new teachers fill the ranks. First, an M.B.A. alum, Mr. Brooks Corzine, will coach cross-country and track in addition to teaching 8th grade English; secondly, Mr. Jeff Fraley, recent Davidson graduate, will teach English in the Junior School and also help with football and wrestling; finally, recent Oxford University graduate Dr. John Griffith will teach English in the 10th and 11th grades and advise *The Bell Ringer*.

In the Foreign Language Department, two new foreign language

teachers complete the department: Mrs. Phoebe Drews, most recently from USN, will teach Latin and French; and Ms. Brigitte Porter, a native of Germany, will instruct advanced German.

The Mathematics Department welcomes two new teachers as well. Mr. Thomas Wims will help coach baseball outside the classroom, and Mr. Richard Bowers, an M.B.A. alumnus who returns to us from Brentwood Academy, succeeds Mr. Thoni as Head Basketball Coach.

Even History is changing; that is, the department's roster now includes Janet Hensley, also Director of Admissions and Student Aid, Dr. Diane Cle-

ments, Mr. Steve Warshawsky, and Mr. David Whitfield. Janet Hensley, former Upper School Dean and Assistant Head at Harpeth Hall and Headmistress of a New Orleans high school, will teach Ancient & Medieval History. Also teaching Ancient History, in addition to American History, is Dr. Clements, former Head of History at USN but most recently from St. Cecilia. Mr. Warshawsky, a Princeton graduate who received his Masters of Education from Peabody, will teach American History and Gov/Econ. Mr. Whitfield, who graduated magna cum laude from TSU and received his Masters in Social Sciences from The University of Chicago, will teach 7th grade History and

English.

Finally, as part of a new era of fine arts, M.B.A. welcomes two newcomers. A veteran in theater, Mr. Bart Whiteman will lead the drama program. Mr. Whiteman, who received his Bachelor of Arts from Yale and his Masters degree from American University, founded and directed Source Theatre Company in Washington, D.C. In the music division, Dr. David Cassel will lead the chorus and initiate new programs in chorus and chamber music. Dr. Cassel "holds graduate

degrees in conducting and literature from Indiana University" and has most recently received appointments as Director of Nashville Symphony Chorus and Interim Assistant Conductor of the Nashville Symphony. "Since 1981 he has served on the faculty of Vanderbilt University as founding conductor of the Vanderbilt Orchestra and the Blair Chorale." The M.B.A. student body welcomes these new members of our community. - the author would like to thank Dr. Paschall for his help.

What is the Big Red Club?
Any ideas? See Mr. Regen

Service Club...

just fulfilling the needs of the school. Community involvement will now play a major part in the M.B.A. Service Club. Service to others in the community, as well as to the school, is now the Service Club's main objective.

Additionally, the Service Club's previously vague and unfair admission practices have been altered to allow every high school

student equal opportunity to take part. Every M.B.A. High School student will now be eligible to become a member of the M.B.A. Service Club. To attain membership, a student needs only to submit his name on a sheet of paper to any Service Club officer and then earn a specified number of credits by the end of the first semester. Membership in the Service Club is then main-

tained by continuing to earn a specified number of credits each semester.

If you know of any projects or if you have any projects that you would like to make Service Club projects, simply write down all the pertinent data for the project on a sheet of paper and submit it to one of the Service Club's Officers. We look forward to serving the school and the community this year.

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CLUB PREVIEW

Student Council Preview

by Mark Fuqua, Student Council Representative

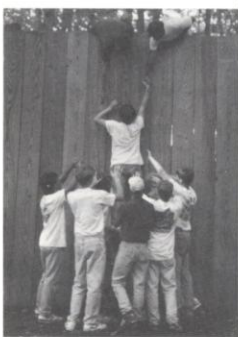
With the school year soon underway, the Student Council is off to a great start. At the helm this year is Mr. Regen who has brought many ideas and a new spirit of eagerness to the organization. With the help of Mrs. O'Connell and Mr. Womack, a new sense of leadership has been inspired within the Student Council members.

This year's senior officers are: Kirk Brown, Frazer Buntin, Mark Fuqua, and Bartley McGehee (ed. note: the council will vote each senior member into a particular office this fall).

Representing the junior class are: Derrick Buckspan, Jim Bowen, Michael Haslam, and Bradley Sloan. Rounding out the Student Council are sophomores David Sifford, Will Coles, Bradley Coburn,

and John Farringer (freshman representatives will be elected this fall).

In order to begin the year on the right foot, all



Adam Scott climbs the wall with relative ease

the senior class representatives (including the Student Council, Honor Council, and Class Officers) trekked out to Adventure Works for a

day of leadership training. Throughout the afternoon, we all became closer friends as we were able to complete the ropes course through teamwork. By the end of the day, we were all exhausted, yet we understood the importance of leadership and unity. Adventure Works helped us focus on what we want to achieve during this school year.

After our trip to Adventure Works, the Student Council has had a follow up meeting and we have come up with some great new ideas and goals for the upcoming year.

One major goal is to communicate with, and become more involved with, the student body.

Any suggestions or ideas would gladly be welcomed as we look forward to a great year.

Thank you for your support!

Honor Council Preview

by Julian Bibb, Honor Council Vice-President

As the 1992-1993 school year begins, we all start to focus on the goals which we have set for the upcoming year. Some of the goals are academic and some are athletic while other goals may be more personal as they affect the individual more directly. Most of us, however, all share one common goal: to successfully reach and fulfill all the goals which we have set for ourselves.

As the Vice-President of the Honor Council, part of my duty involves realizing the role that the Honor Council will play at school, and the goals that the Honor Council hopes to attain. In considering the responsibilities of the Honor Council, I must look back into the past and recognize the effectiveness of previous Councils in terms of preventing excessive dishonesty. To me in

the past, as both a participant and an outsider, the success of the H.C. in preventing cheating has been limited, limited by disinterested, nonchalant attitudes and lazy, irresponsible minds.

The Honor Code's effectiveness has been hindered by students who do not care about the Code or are too lazy to work alone. In the recent past, it has been only the Council members and teachers who have upheld the Honor Code of M.B.A. Obviously when the burden is left on just these people, the effectiveness of the system is, once again, limited.

This being a new year, however, we have a chance to start anew. A chance to improve our school, to improve our Code, and to improve

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Senior Preview

by Bo Sundius, Senior Class President

Once again I would like to ask the senior class if they have any legitimate requests or concerns for next year. Please, if you have any new ideas of how I may help improve the class, tell me.

Just write your suggestions on a sheet of paper and give it to me as soon as possible. If the suggestion is truly reasonable, I will bring it to the administration's attention in my capacity as president of the senior class.

Do not procrastinate, but think ahead, and bring it to my attention with enough time that I can get it

appropriated through the right channels and have it be in full measure by the time it is needed.

Just as a reminder, our class officers are Bo Sundius (President), Baker Eadie (Vice-President), Jody Cummings (Secretary), and John Crosslin (Treasurer). Don't forget, they are here for you; so be sure to make the most of this year by being active in our class with them.

With the ideas I already have and your suggestions, I believe the 1992-1993 school year is going to be fantastic.

As each individual of the junior class returns again to "The Hill," facing traditional M.B.A. academic rigor, fall sports, and the last year of innocent high school life, we must also all assemble as members of the class of 1994.



Jody and Mark play catch with Flagg

Leading our class are Robert West, president; Mark Hardison, vice-president; Chad White, secretary; and Adam Scott, treasurer.

In the Student Council, our representatives are: Derrick Buckspan, Jim Bowen, Michael Haslam, and Bradley Sloan. Finally in the Honor Council, our three representatives are Taylor Harris, Charlie

Thombs, and Bruce Tarkington.

The primary goal of these officers and the new administration headed by Mr. Regen is to develop unsurpassed school unity. This unity will create an atmosphere where all other class

goals will be more easily accomplished. As juniors we are not only powerful and influential leaders within the student body; but also the directors of one of the largest student-organized projects that M.B.A. attempts: the prom, a year long class project.

Mr. Womack has agreed to assist us in the project, and we will be expected to construct the set throughout the fall and winter in the basement of the Davis building. This new

method of creating the prom is due to the faculty's belief that our class might procrastinate as other classes have in the past.

Finally, we will also be expected to raise the money necessary to pay for the prom expenses. With all of these responsibilities, frequent class activities such as volleyball, survival games, and even creative fundraising events should not only be fun and therapeutic breaks but also will increase class unity.

We are a great class which has endured successfully several hard years on "the Hill." This year's officers are extremely dedicated and very willing to lead our class to a terrific 92-93 year.

From the Annals of W-5:

If a man does not know what harbor he seeks, no wind is favorable.-Seneca

Everett Holzapfel

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OPINIONS

THE IMPORTANCE OF PROPER APPEARANCE

by Winston Chapman, Staff Writer

Well boys, we're back together again, and I know that you are all thrilled. I am sure that the summer lived up to your wildest expectations, but now it's time for all you drones to pay for your three months of womanizing, debauchery, and revelry.

Oh, by the way, it's me, the self-proclaimed chief priest of M.B.A., Winston Chapman. Over the next nine terribly long and arduous months, I hope that you will all get to know me a little better through this column.

It will be set up as a guidebook written in installments, giving you, the reader (?), a better under-

standing of the way the world (including M.B.A. of course) needs to be run.

I offer facts, not opinions, and while my viewpoints and statements may appear a bit cold, cal-

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lous, inhuman, and cruel on the surface, I assure you that they really are quite realistic and pragmatic if you'll just take a closer look.

Let's get down to business. Having just graduated the class of 1992,

we have purged M.B.A. of a great many of the group known best as the school's "long hairs," their combat boots now only a distant and fading echo in the hallways.

During their entire "careers" at the school, these individuals, with whom I am sure you are all familiar, sought only to obliterate tradition, to transgress hair and dress codes, and to purposefully annoy all law-abiding and tradition-loving students.

Nonetheless, the battle is far from over. Even in this year's near perfect senior class, there are elements of rebellion, not to mention miscreants in the lower grades.

Look, I am all for free thinking and living, but there has got to be a limit on what is appropriate and in what setting it is appropriate. M.B.A. is built on years of of tradition and custom

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which some call an "aristocratic southern country club" atmosphere.

If that's the way they see it, then so be it, but M.B.A. molds its students to be the best they can be in all professional fields.

Five years from now, if you interview for a

job at even a semi-reputable company, your chances of being hired are much improved if you come to the interview well-groomed and neatly dressed, not with purple hair down in front of your face, while wearing army boots and a leather jacket.

Give it some thought, and let's keep in mind that M.B.A. students and graduates are viewed by the community as being quite simply "a step above the rest."

Editor's Note: Mr. Chapman's views do not necessarily reflect those of Montgomery Bell Academy or *The Bell Ringer* and are strictly his own.

It's Time For a Change

by Andrew Vahrenkamp, Opinions Editor and Staff Liberal

Greetings and salutations, fellow students. As the editor of this wonderful section of opinions and editorials, I would like to welcome you back for another year of the true genius expounded in these pages.

Please note that if you, as the student body, ever wish to respond to any comments made by myself, my esteemed colleague Winston Chapman, or anyone else, feel free. Freedom of speech and thought is of utmost priority to this establishment.

Our nation, in fact the entire world, lies at a crossroads. For the past twelve years, we have been immersed in the failed system of trickle-down economics. Supposedly and extremely idealistically, lower taxes for the heads of business would translate into better salaries for the CEO's underlings, but this system has failed miserably and has only increased the wealth gap.

Frivolous government spending on broken weaponry for the foolish arms race with the now-defunct Soviet Union has left the country in serious debt and in tragic condition as inflation and the soaring

cost of health care leave the poor and the lower classes in bad shape.

In foreign affairs, the last twelve years have been disheartening at best. Granted, the Cold War ended, but what part of that was due to Presidents Reagan and Bush? Zippo.

The Soviet Union had been going downhill from the beginning, and it fell, not because of American pressure, but as a result of simple poverty and weak management. Communism had failed; human avarice and greed on the part of high Party officials had destroyed the utopian ideals of Marxism, and the Republicans just happened to be in office when the Soviets realized they were doomed.

Furthermore, paranoid lashings against superpowers like Grenada really increased our international prestige...NOT!

The rest of the world sees us as a whining schoolyard bully, and with good reason. Do we care about wars and inhumane treatment across the globe? No, not unless there is a nice glut of petroleum nearby.

President Bush has done almost nothing about the problems in Bosnia and Somalia, but instead worries

about an invisible threat in the Tigris-Euphrates delta, a threat we should have eradicated already, but for executive indecision and paranoia. Now, Bush is attempting to stay in power for four more years and sink us further in debt.

Now the question before us is do we, as responsible Americans, continue this trend of failed Republicanism, or do we attempt to reform the system and regain our country from the pits of Reagan/Bush's "voodoo economics?"

I, for one, support the Democratic ticket of Bill Clinton and Al Gore for a New America. The rules are changing, and we're losing ground rapidly.

We, the future leaders of America, need to get a clue and realize that military greatness doesn't matter anymore. Economic greatness does, and that we don't have.

But we can get it, and we will, if we vote for a change. And that vote we must make. Our future depends on it.

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Bill Clinton: A Little Too Slick

by Andrew Fitzgerald, Staff Conservative

In the wake of the recent Democratic Convention, many are still amazed at Clinton's surprising lead in the polls. While his supporters foolishly claim that these polls indicate their reclaimation of the White House, I choose to believe history rather than the polls. I remember four years ago when Dukakis held a similar position in the polls before his embarrassing loss to President Bush. Clinton's lead in the polls can be attributed to the political balancing act he has been performing by catering to both sides of his party and contradicting himself while doing so.

When Clinton began his campaign for his sixth term as Governor of Arkansas in 1990, he pledged that he would serve his full four year term, but even then he was orchestrating his campaign for the Presidency which would place him far ahead of his Democratic competitors by the primaries. In the beginning, Clinton portrayed himself as being different from the long line of liberal

failures that his party had nominated in the past. He claimed to be a "moderate," supporting capital punishment, parental notification of abortion, and even Desert Storm. In reality, Clinton said nothing about a military option during the Gulf Crisis until Congress voted for the war resolution, and even then he said he agreed with two Arkansas senators who supported waiting for sanctions to work. Once he gathered the support of right-wing Democrats he began to turn toward the left-wing Democratic mainstream, proclaiming himself as pro-abortion and against nuclear power. Clinton's liberal nature was evident long before he began his bid for President. He was a nationally recognized anti-Vietnam activist and did considerable work for the George McGovern presidential campaign.

Clinton has not only been switching from right to left, but he also has shifted from political insider to outsider. Clinton had

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Mandatory Summer Reading:

YES!

by Jason Bennett, Reporter

Summer reading. 99% of M.B.A. students cringe just at the sight of the word. Why? Summer reading is boring. We don't like it. It takes up all of our time which could be spent doing something more exciting.

The fact is, though, that summer reading is a very necessary part of the curriculum. Numerous scientific studies have shown that students who do summer reading retain more of what they learned the previous year than those students who do not.

Summer reading causes some thought to occur during the summer, resulting in more knowledge in September.

Although long periods of thought are not on the top of our lists of things to do in the summer, they are needed so that we remember more come September.

Also, summer reading allows teachers to get a head start on the new

school year.

Instead of assigning a book to be read and then doing grammar review for two weeks while everyone reads the book, a discussion of the book can begin almost immediately without tedious busywork to fill in the first few weeks.

I'm sure most students would agree that talking about a book is preferential to finding all the nouns, verbs, and pronouns in a sentence.

Summer reading also allows a theme to be written earlier. Although all students dread it, it is better to have a theme in September than an extra one in the second semester when there are lots of term papers and other large projects due.

All in all, summer reading may not be fun, but it is necessary to retention of knowledge and it is a good start for the year.

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LIFESTYLE PORTRAITURE

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Salutes

Bo Sundius

Bo is the Senior Class President and a member of the Varsity Swim Team

NO!

by Sanjay Shenai, Reporter

Summer reading. It is an institution with which we have all grown up, a tradition which has stood the test of time. It is also a meaningless obstacle for a plethora of students to hurdle; an unfair intrusion of our private trials and tribulations by the "system."

It is the one ritual with no justification, few benefits, and absolutely no gratification. Must we suffer silently? No longer!

Summer reading is meant to bring purpose and fulfillment to our otherwise drab, boring, meaningless summers. However, we all know this is not so! Most M.B.A. boys have no desire to do schoolwork during their one short vacation from the grueling course load of M.B.A. classes.

Instead, they are

out discovering the gratification of health, activity and mental preparedness. For instance, they are participating in athletic sports training or are gaining hands-on experience with self-sufficiency (a job). M.B.A. students should be allowed the freedom to choose whether or not to read during the summer.

Besides, woe is the man who must rely on this type of outward pressure to fulfill his life.

The only other rationalization of summer reading is the idea that it allows more efficiency as far as learning the material goes. In other words we can do more, read more, and move forward. This idea seems viable except for the fact that no one takes summer reading seriously,

and few students satisfactorily understand the material without spending a month of class time on it.

As most students do their reading Labor Day weekend or later, there is little reason to assign mountains of reading during the break rather than during September except to double the learning pace and pressure on the victimized students.

In short, summer reading is a useless enterprise, bogged down in tradition, tradition which needs to be reformed for the benefit of all.

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From The President's Desk

by Bo Sundius, Senior Class President

Walking through the halls of M.B.A., I have heard many comments from students and teachers asking "What has happened to M.B.A.?" I have read many poems and have heard debates saying that M.B.A. has somehow fallen from its catbird seat because

of some problem in which the author or debaters have no involvement.

M.B.A. is my school and it is your school. We are the people who make the school, so if you feel you have a problem with M.B.A., then you have a problem with something you yourself have caused. It is not anyone else's duty to solve your problem. If you have a legitimate idea to contribute or a complaint, then you must do something about it, for unfortunately in this world "the meek do not inherit the earth."

Many people say that M.B.A. has veered from its tradition thereby falling

in greatness, but a change in tradition to keep up with the times is not a failing but an improvement. Some people say that Dr. Paschall has become too "liberal" and has

allowed once condemnable actions to pass without condemnation, such as letting those "long hairs" walk the academic halls of M.B.A. But I feel that Dr. Paschall and the school have not become liberal but have given us a chance to mature.

They have given us the freedom to choose what we want to do with our lives. Consequently, many of those "long hairs," who have chosen to change their appearance for reasons only they know, are on the Privilege List. Their choice has not inhibited their performance in school and

in my opinion their decision is valid.

When people take their freedoms for granted and abuse these freedoms much like the cheap, malicious prank in one of last year's issues of *The Bell Ringer*, these people hurt themselves and their fellow classmates. Incidentally, the poor judgment shown by the author did nothing to help his "cause" or help spread his "point of view," but it only cost the school money and denied many other student-run organizations of their deserved monies.

We have been given many chances to do

things for ourselves and this opportunity may be our most important educational experience while we are

still young because in the real world there is no one to hold your hand and tell you what to do. In the real world, everyone is on their

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Patrick Wilson Library
Montgomery Bell Academy
Nashville, Tennessee

The Summer of '92 at Starwood Amphitheater

by Andy Anderton, Entertainment Editor

When one thinks of summer, one must also think of Starwood Amphitheater. Serving as Nashville's only potent musical concert outlet, Starwood offered a wide variety of entertainment this summer. Although most of the acts booked this summer were traditionally bland, I found some shows worth the excursion to cultural Antioch, TN.

Hank Williams, Jr. opened the season once again to an expected near sell-out crowd. The Bocephus show, year after year, continues to serve as an appropriate beginning to the summer, due to Hank's ability to successfully perform for a universal crowd. With such catchy tunes as "Tear in my Beer" and "Born to Boogie," Hank had everyone dancing, or vomiting, on the hill. Entertainer of the Year? Indeed. Pass me the Skoal.

Another pleasing surprise to the summer was the return of those metal virtuosos, Metallica. Performing solo three months earlier in Nashville, Metallica toured this summer with opening act Metal Church, whose set was about as exciting as Activity Period. Metallica, however, enlightened the

rest of the night by not only hammering out such MTV classics as "Enter Sandman" and "One," but also plunging into the past with ditties "Whiplash" and "Creeping Death." The video screens at either end of the stage, described by Sam Smaldone as "neat," gave the audience an even closer look at the perspiring fury of the bands and offered a unique style to the band's introduction, by showing live backstage shots of the foursome giving obscene gestures to the audience before taking the stage. Immaturity, perhaps, but what do you expect from a bunch of "long hairs?" The show, lengthy and repetitive in parts, was overall satisfactory and, well...neat.

Perhaps Starwood's season highlight, besides the

frigid Buffett sellout, was the appearance of John Mellencamp. Mellencamp, who had not toured the States in three years, made an impressive impact upon Nashville. Mellencamp is promoting his new release *When We Wanted*, made up of material nostalgic of those forever loved "Cougar" years. New songs "Love and Happiness" and "Get a Leg Up" blended in nicely with such rockin' 80's anthems as "Jack and Diane" and "Scarecrow." Mellencamp's two and a half hour set involved virtually every hit song the man has produced, but offered no dull moments. Universal appeal and basic career longevity of Mellencamp contributed to a wide variety of concert attendees. From mid-life crisis baby

boomers to frat boys to raucous high school youth, everyone enjoyed the show. As with others, I'm sure, when I was on the hill singing "Pink Houses" in unison with half of the Senior Class, I had the immediate urge to rush home, hug mom, and raise Old Glory. What a show!

With the exception of Iron Maiden and Ozzy, Starwood's schedule seems to cater more to the interests of contemporary adult listeners. With the tragic events of the previous season, Starwood's new management seems to attempt to stray from booking acts pertaining to younger audiences in order to avoid concert violence. While booking such acts as Natalie Cole and the Moody Blues brings interest to the audiences Starwood is looking for, the facts are that the revenue of these shows is not "up to par." In order

to reach a compromise, the venue needs to concentrate on security measures rather than rebellious audiences. With this in mind, we might, for once, find happiness on the hill...the Antioch hill.

Note from the Entertainment Editor:

In the interests of many students' suggestions, the Entertainment section of *The Bell Ringer* plans to focus on a wide variety of topics and tastes. Our hope is not to take up lengthy space with information about which you care nothing.

In order to achieve this goal, *The Bell Ringer* is open to suggestions from the student body. Those with a creative knack can respond to Andy Anderton, Greg Holyfield, or Will Berry.

Peace and MexiMelts,
Andy Anderton



Arendale (46) turns the corner

Editor's Note:

Dr. Dickey was on a date in Memphis at press time and therefore his dating column will be delayed until the next issue of The Bell Ringer

Honor Council...

ourselves. If we work together and put our effort into upholding the Honor Code, we can achieve the goal of stifling cheating and dishonesty at M.B.A. True, this problem is not rampant among all students, but it nevertheless needs to be ended. Perhaps to some this seems impossible. And, if it does seem impossible, then you're not working hard enough, you're not trying hard enough to do the right thing, or worst of all, you simply don't care. And if you don't care, then you're not only hurting

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yourself but the entire M.B.A. community.

So, if we pull together and show concern for our school and ourselves, then we can eradicate cheating and make a better M.B.A.

Clinton...

been playing insider pledging his support for Congress' actions (including their pay raise). Later he ran a television commercial in New Hampshire in which he lashed out at the "administration backed pay raises."

Democratic Representative David Obey called Clinton a "damn liar" for the commercial which contradicted his earlier support for the pay raises.

This political balancing act of self contradiction further exposes Clinton's greatest liability, his morals. Lately

it seems that the press has been listening to Clinton's speeches on family values, but they have long forgotten about Jennifer Flowers. Nor do they remember his youthful days of pot smoking and draft dodging.

The problems with Clinton's political platform are only part of the problem with Clinton. His shifting of positions on the issues in order to please the different groups within his party greatly questions his own integrity and makes one wonder whether he has a platform of his own.

Editor's Note: Mr. Fitzgerald's views do not necessarily reflect those of Montgomery Bell Academy or *The Bell Ringer* and are strictly his own.

The First Day of School

by Aaron Peterson



ENTERTAINMENT

Country Corner

by Greg Holyfield, Staff Writer

I have been told to write an article on the summer activities of country music. There is no way I could write about everything that has happened because so much has occurred. I will give a brief summary of country's biggest goings on.

-The critically acclaimed Kentucky Headhunters, who received heavy album sales but virtually no air time have broken up. Ricky and Lee Phelps have decided to go on their own. The other Headhunters will still go on making records.

-There have been a host of new acts who have hit it big this summer. Brootis and Dunn have become one of the top acts thanks to their huge number one single "Boot Scootin' Boogie," which helped them start a dance craze at local bars such as the Wrangler. Diamond Rio also has hit it big along with Lee Roy Parnell.

-Garth Brooks, still one of the top sellers in

country music, is very displeased that his new album will be priced one dollar more than albums usually cost. His shipping company is at fault, not Garth, and he is sorry that we have to spend extra recession dollars.

A new feature in Country Corner is: "Feature Artist of the Month." This summer's feature artist is Dwight Yoakam. He is a native of Pineville, Kentucky but has produced all five of his albums in California. Dwight is one of the most traditional singers around and has helped to start the country boom which we are experiencing right now because of his 1986 smash hit, "Guitars, Cadillacs."

He has been in the news recently because of his relationship with *Basic*

Instinct star Sharon Stone. They met about five weeks before the movie opened. Several weeks into their relationship, it is rumored that Dwight did not care for her excess body language in the film and dumped her. I am a huge Yoakam fan, but I cannot understand your thinking, still, we salute you, Dwight.

Next issue's feature artist is Mark Chestnut, once called the "poor man's Clint Black." He has now overtaken Clint with his number one single "I'll Think of Something."

I thank everyone who listens to country music and I feel sorry for those who do not. I also wish luck to all the editors for a much better year of *The Bell Ringer*. I know it will be. Thanks.

Sundius...

own and their ability to make correct decisions will

determine the successfulness of their lives.

So the next time you feel there is a problem with M.B.A., do not go running and lay the blame on the school or the faculty or the alumni or the guy sitting next to you. Do something about it because if you want something changed, the only person you can trust to do it to your liking is yourself.

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VARSITY FOOTBALL

September 4....	Warren Central at MBA.....	7:30
September 11....	MBA at Overton.....	7:30
September 18....	Cleveland at MBA.....	7:30
September 25....	Pearl-Cohn at MBA.....	7:30
October 2.....	MBA at Hunters Lane.....	7:30
October 9.....	MBA at Tullahoma.....	7:30
October 16.....	MBA at Whites Creek.....	7:30
October 23.....	Hillwood at MBA(HC).....	7:30
October 30.....	MBA vs. Ryan (at Vandy).....	7:30
November 6.....	Hillsboro at MBA.....	7:30

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

September 8....	Drake Invit.....	Steeplechase...4:00
September 15....	Hillwood, Franklin...SEC.....	4:00
September 19....	Tenn. Classic...Steeplechase....	4:00
September 22....	Lipscomb, Overton...SEC.....	4:00
September 26....	A.F. Bridges...Steeplechase.....	4:30
October 1....	Gallatin Invitational...Vol State..	4:30
October 3....	Oak Ridge Invit....Oak Ridge.....	10:00
October 6....	Hillsboro, Father Ryan...SEC.....	4:00
October 10....	Breakfast Run.....TBA.....	8:00
October 15....	District Meet.....SEC.....	4:00
October 22....	Metro Champ.....Steeplechase....	4:00
October 29....	Regional Meet....Steeplechase....	4:00
November 5....	State Meet.....Steeplechase....	1:00

VARSITY GOLF

September 2....	FRA
September 4....	USN
September 9....	Lipscomb
September 10....	Brentwood High, Beech
September 14....	Hillsboro
September 16....	Hillwood
September 22....	Whites Creek
September 23....	Brentwood High
September 24....	Overton
September 28....	Pearl-Cohn
September 30....	Ryan
October 5.....	District Tournament
October 12.....	Regional Tournament
October 20-21..	State Tournament
All sites and times to be determined	

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SPORTS

BIG RED OPENS FOOTBALL SEASON

Once again, it's football time at M.B.A. As the 1992 football season begins, the Big Red, led by large senior class and a wealth of experience over the past two years looks to have a very good season.

Recently, Julian Bibb, the sports editor of *The Bell Ringer* interviewed Coach Owen about the team, its members, and the upcoming season. According to Coach Owen, the team has progressed at about the rate he had expected, considering the short amount of time spent on the field and the results of the two scrimmages, a 27-13 defeat of David Lipscomb and a 16-2 victory over Antioch.

However, in order for the team to keep progressing, leadership on the field will be necessary. When asked who these leaders will be, Coach Owen replied that on the offense, R.A. Dickey and on the defense Andy Russ, Shannon Durrett, and Brad Maggart should supplement the leadership of team captains Austin Koon and John Arendale.

In regard to its offense, M.B.A. will be led

by quarterback R.A. Dickey. Although he is a self-proclaimed throwing quarterback, Dickey has run the option well in the two scrimmages, including a fifty-one yard jaunt against Lipscomb which was called back on a penalty.

When asked about the type of offensive scheme we would run this year with R.A. as the signal caller, Coach Owen said that the play-action pass, which has been a very successful

weapon for M.B.A. teams in the past, will continue to be a major factor this year.

With tailbacks Russ and Arendale, fullback Durrett, and wingback Mark Fuqua, the Big Red will continue to have a productive running game. Up front, clearing out holes for the backs will be tackles Brendan Hughes and Andy

by Julian Bibb, Sports Editor

Ward, guards Brad Maggart and Joe Sitton, and center Peter Stahl.

The receiving corps are led by tight end Austin Koon and wideouts Jody Cummings and Trent Batey.

On the defensive

sive support. In the secondary, cornerbacks Baker Eadie and Mark Fuqua will team up with strong safety Arendale and free safety Russ to provide excellent pass defense. Again handling the kicking duties

"has done an excellent job."

In fact, Coach Bueno was originally going to help Coach Elliott with the line this year anyway, so the transition has been very smooth.

Also, Coach Ricky Bowers, who has recently moved to M.B.A. from Brentwood Academy to coach the Big Red basketball team, will play a minor role this year. According to Coach Owen, Coach Bowers is going to be in the press box with Coach Bueno on Friday nights. Coach Owen feels that Coach Bowers, a former M.B.A. football star, has "a great awareness on the field" and hopes to gradually bring him into the football program so that he will be able to play a bigger role next year.

So, as the Big Red football team gears up for a great season, the team urges the student body to lend its support throughout the year.

The season begins September 4, when M.B.A. meets Warren Central, Kentucky at 7:30 on Tommy Owen Field. Don't miss the game and a chance to support the Big Red this season. ROLL RED ROLL!



Dickey calls the signals in the Jamboree

side of the ball, Coach Owen feels that though the Big Red has quality people at each position, M.B.A. still has plenty of room for improvement. In the trenches, defensive linemen Ward, Sitton, Stahl, and Jim Dismukes will lead the charge. At linebacker, starters Durrett and Maggart and backups Hughes and Bo Mixon offer strong defen-

over the summer. Coach Elliott, the line coach of last year, was unable to start off this year's season due to heart surgery. Hopefully, he will ease back into coaching by the fourth or fifth game. In his absence, Coach Robby Bueno has moved up from the microbe to coach the linemen. When asked about the change, Coach Owen replied that Coach Bueno

Cross Country Team Off and Running

by Mark Wyckoff, Reporter

The M.B.A. Cross Country team is running into a new season with a great deal of confidence, and understandably so. The Big Red runners have won Region 11-AAA eleven years in a row and have finished at least second the last fourteen years. Although six seniors have been lost, including three of the top four runners on last year's team, a solid base of experience and youthful talent remains.

John Crosslin, the team captain and top returning harrier, will lead the charge followed by fellow senior Glenn Gaston and junior Taylor Harris, who bring the most varsity experience to the team. Other runners who will contribute are: seniors Jason Barton and Frazer Buntin;

junior Geoff Zimmerman, sophomores John Farringer, Mark Wyckoff, Jonathan Fly, David Berry, and

at Montgomery Bell State Park during the annual cross country team camp.

Upon arriving, the

balloon wars, instead commanding the troops to run long distances twice a day. Between practices, the team had intense volleyball competition in which the dream team of Crosslin, Gaston, Buntin, and Harris dominated.

Even after a game of water-rugby, visits from M.B.A. alumni Keith Ikard, Justin Crosslin, and David Wyckoff, cross country

camp still seemed incomplete. That problem was quickly solved by a massive water balloon fight on the last night.

After the juniors and seniors had scored a decisive victory, everyone sat down at the campfire for s'mores and tales of past cross country glory. The team returned home the next day in better condition and with high hopes for the upcoming season.



The Cross Country team flexes its muscles

Kenneth Pruitt; and the freshman duo of James Gunn and Jim Alley.

It was this group of runners (with the noticeable absence of Jason Barton), that set out to whip themselves into shape under the watchful eye of Coach Pruitt

seniors continued the tradition of harassing the underclassmen by winging a water balloon at the freshman and sophomore cabin, which somehow managed to shatter a window. After this initial incident, Coach Pruitt cracked down on water

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